

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

Characteristics of micro electromechanical switches can be changed according to the invention by applying a control signal which either changes one or more parameters of the micro electromechanical switches or which controls beam movement by feedback signals. It is thereby possible to change switching transient time, maximum switching frequency, power tolerance, and/or sensitivity (actuation voltage) of a micro electromechanical switch.

(Fig. 3)